1. A document forming apparatus comprising:

a substrate feeder for storing and dispensing substrates to a printing engine; a controller for controlling the operation of the document forming apparatus, the controller including at least one database for storing information for the operation of the substrate feeder;

a user interface for controlling the operation of the document forming apparatus, the user interface including a stock library view, a stock settings dialog screen having an expert feeder controls section with a manual mode operator and an auto mode operator, and a control panel screen for manual mode operation, the control panel screen including means for adjusting a plurality of feeder parameters, indicators for manual and auto modes, and a save settings operator.

- 2. The document forming apparatus defined in claim 1, wherein the substrate feeder includes a plurality of feeder assemblies, wherein each feeder assembly comprises a tray for holding a stack of substrates, a plurality of tray elevators, a plurality of fluffers, a motor, a plurality of heaters, a feed head vacuum, and a take away roll.
- 3. The document forming apparatus defined in claim 2, wherein the feeder assemblies employ vacuum corrugated feeder technology.
- 4. The document forming apparatus defined in claim 2, wherein the feeder assemblies employ shuttle feeder technology.
- 5. The document forming apparatus defined in claim 2, wherein the feeder parameters include at least one of vacuum level, fluffer pressure, heater status, and stack height.
- 6. The document forming apparatus defined in claim 1, wherein the controller includes a media library database and a feeder capabilities and constraints database.

- 7. The document forming apparatus defined in claim 6, wherein the media library database includes a plurality of memory registers for storing substrate attributes.
- 8. The document forming apparatus defined in claim 3, wherein the feeder parameters include vacuum level, fluffer pressure, heater status, and stack height.
- 9. The document forming apparatus defined in claim 8, wherein the controller includes a media library database and a feeder capabilities and constraints database.
- 10. The document forming apparatus defined in claim 9, wherein the media library database includes a plurality of memory registers for storing substrate attributes.
- 11. The document forming apparatus defined in claim 4, wherein the feeder parameters include at least one of vacuum level, fluffer pressure, heater status, and stack height.
- 12. The document forming apparatus defined in claim 11, wherein the databases comprise a media library database and a feeder capabilities and constraints database.
- 13. The document forming apparatus defined in claim 12, wherein the media library database includes a plurality of memory registers for storing substrate attributes.
- 14. In a document forming apparatus having a substrate feeder, a user interface, and a controller, a method for operating the apparatus, comprising: receiving at the controller a signal that a user of the apparatus has selected

manual mode operation of the feeder on a stock settings dialog screen on the user

interface;

in response to the signal, providing the user with a control panel screen for manually adjusting a plurality of operating parameters for the substrate feeder;

receiving at the controller feeder data, the data comprising the adjusted feeder operating parameters; and

where the user has actuated a save selections operator on the control panel screen, saving the adjusted operating parameters in at least one database on the controller.

- 15. The method defined in claim 14, wherein the controller includes a media library database and a feeder capabilities and constraints database for storing the adjusted operating parameters.
- 16. The method defined in claim 14, wherein the substrate feeder includes a plurality of feeder assemblies, wherein each feeder assembly comprises a tray for holding a stack of substrates, a plurality of tray elevators, a plurality of fluffers, a motor, a plurality of heaters, a feed head vacuum, and a take away roll.
- 17. The method defined in claim 16, wherein the operating parameters include at least one of vacuum level, fluffer pressure, heater status, and stack height.
- 18. The method defined in claim 17, wherein the feeder assemblies employ vacuum corrugated feeder technology.
- 19. The method defined in claim 17, wherein the feeder assemblies employ shuttle feeder technology.
- 20. The method defined in claim 14, wherein the stock settings dialog screen on the user interface further includes an automatic mode operator.